

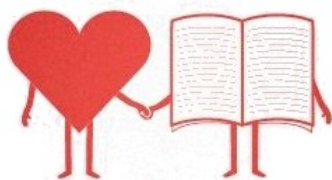
# Library Connections

## *Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library*

[www.bismarcklibrary.org](http://www.bismarcklibrary.org)

### Winter Is the Season for Readers

Reading is the perfect pastime to enjoy at any time of year, but it's the cold, blustery, and snowy winter season that brings to mind thoughts of curling up by a fireplace with a good cup of coffee and a good book. The Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library has a fantastic collection of books for readers of all interests. Whether you're into romance, sci-fi, history, or any other genre or subject, the library has something to keep your brain active and your imagination alive throughout the long winter.



If you're in the mood for something different and are interested in spicing up your reading life this winter, the library has you covered. When was the last time you went on a blind date? Why not try a blind

date with a book? Stop by the library throughout the month of February to browse the "personal ads" and choose a book for your blind date. Fill out the "rate your date" card inside the book for a chance to win a special Valentine gift.

If meeting a mystery book isn't quite your thing, how about giving Winter Reading Bingo a try? Pick up a bingo card at the library's Information Desk between January 15 and March 15, and make a Bingo by completing the tasks on your card. You might be asked to read a book set in a different country, listen to an audiobook, read a book you started but never finished, or any one of a number of different types of reading tasks. Completed Bingo cards will be entered into a prize drawing.

Whether you're ready for some adventurous reading or you'd rather stick with what you like, the library is the place to find your next great read this winter.

### Upcoming Events

#### Lobby Displays

**Through Jan. 15**

Pine Needle Basketry

Collection courtesy of Eileen McEnroe

**Jan. 15 through Mid-April**

Elvis Presley's 80th Birthday Celebration

Collection courtesy of Terry Sarkilahti

#### Adult Programs

**Jan. 13** Ancestry Library Edition

**Jan. 20** Movie Night "Eight Below"

**Jan. 15** Great Books Discussion

**Jan. 15** Winter Reading Bingo begins

**Jan. 29** Computer Basics Class

**Feb. 1** Blind Date With A Book begins

**Feb. 3** Readers Voice Book Discussion

**Feb. 5** Internet Searching Class

**Feb. 10** Movie Night "Guardians of the Galaxy"

**Feb. 19** Great Books Discussion

**Feb. 24** Movie Night "Edge of Tomorrow"

**Feb. 26** Social Media Showcase

**Mar. 3** Readers Voice Book Discussion

**Mar. 19** Great Books Discussion

**Mar. 24** Movie Night "Maleficent"

**Mar. 24** Ancestry Library Edition

**Mar. 31** Movie Night "Million Dollar Arm"

#### Children's Programs

**Jan. 19** MLK Day for Kids

View the [Children's Activity Calendar](#) for the full list.

For details on these events, as well as all other events the library sponsors, please see our [Library Events calendar](#).

## Contact Us

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## Mission

Collecting, organizing and providing open access to educational, informational, recreational and cultural resources.

## Vision

Offering information, ideas and personal enrichment to all.

## Hours

**Monday-Thursday**  
9:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Friday-Saturday**  
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Sunday**  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## Telephone Numbers

Main Desk	355-1480
Administration	355-1484
Bookmobile	355-1491
Children's Dept.	355-1489
Interlibrary Loan	355-1485
Foundation	355-1494
Friends	355-1483
Meeting Room	
Reservations	355-1484

## Library Board of Directors

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## Director's Corner

Christine Kujawa - Library Director



Greetings patrons of the library! By the time you receive this newsletter we'll be embarking on a new year. Contemplating resolutions and goals is a common occurrence for many of us. Regardless of what you are resolving to accomplish, whether improving your health, learning a new skill, or anything else that provides personal enrichment for you, remember to visit us at the library. Our vast collection of resources in a variety of formats is available to assist you in achieving your goals and to provide opportunities for lifelong learning.

The Library Board and staff will also be setting goals. This spring we will be updating our strategic plan. As we assess the future of the library it is important for us to have an accurate understanding of how the community feels about library operations, services, and facilities. Please help us plan for the library's future and continued success in the community by filling out our strategic planning survey. It is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bismarcklibrary> or in print at the library's Checkout Desk until January 20th. We'd appreciate it if you'd share this survey with others living in Bismarck and throughout Burleigh County. The more input we receive the better we'll be able to examine how the library is currently being used and how we can better meet the needs of the patrons we serve.

## Newsletter via Email



Subscribe to our free, eco-friendly newsletter and the latest news about the library will be delivered directly to your inbox! To subscribe just send an email to [bplnews@cdln.info](mailto:bplnews@cdln.info) and you will be added to our list.

## Hidden Object!



### Find the Bookworm!

Locate the bookworm in the pages of this newsletter and you could win a gift certificate from the Gifted Bean Coffee House! If you find it, email [bplnews@cdln.info](mailto:bplnews@cdln.info) with the specific location. The first person to respond correctly wins! Congrats to Ida S. - Fall 2014 newsletter winner.



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## Updates From Your Friends

Book sales have taken center stage for the Friends of the Library over the past few months. The fall book sale was once again a huge success, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, who put in 796 hours over the course of the sale. The fall sale raised an impressive total of \$24, 634! In December, a holiday membership reception and Cabin Fever “no-sort” book sale were held, and attendance was great for both events. We were able to sell a good number of books to make room in storage for additional donations to come in before the next sale in March. Since this bonus book sale was such a great success, we are planning to do it again the first weekend of December in 2015.

### Save the Date

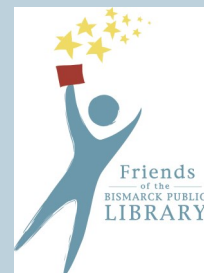
**Spring Used Book Sale—March 5, 6 & 7**  
**Friends of the Library Annual Meeting—April 14**

With last year's events in the rear view, we are looking ahead to 2015. The board of directors of the Friends of the Library is in the process of forming a standing book sale committee, whose members will be tasked with planning and managing upcoming book sales. If you are interested in being a member of this standing committee, send us an email at [friendsofbismarckpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbismarckpl@gmail.com). This is great opportunity to get involved with the Friends and to make a difference in support of the library.

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting on the evening of April 14. Further details on the agenda and keynote speaker will be coming soon. We hope to see you there!

### Contact Us

Friends of the  
Bismarck Public Library  
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### Mission

Increasing awareness and use of the Library through cultural, educational and social activities, and to raising funds to supplement and enhance library programs and services.

### Join Us

You are invited to the Friends monthly business meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month held in the Library's Missouri River Room at 7:00 pm.  
No meetings June - July

### Friends of BPL Board of Directors

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Elizabeth Jacobs, Assistant Director

## Become a Member of the Friends of the Bismarck Public Library

Yes  
I'll be a **Friend!**

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Friends of the  
Bismarck Public Library

### Annual Membership Categories:

___ Individual	\$10.00
___ Family	\$20.00
___ Contributing	\$50.00
___ Individual Life	\$100.00
___ Couple Life	\$150.00
___ Best Friend	\$250.00

### I'm interested in participating in the following:

- \_\_\_ Semi-annual Book Sales
- \_\_\_ Book Sale Committee
- \_\_\_ Ice Cream Social
- \_\_\_ National Friends of Libraries Week
- \_\_\_ Nominating Committee

FRIENDS OF THE BISMARCK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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# Burleigh County Bookmobile: 2014 By the Numbers

by Keli Trowbridge, Head of Bookmobile Services

## NOTABLE NUMBERS

(as of November 30, 2014)

New Stops: 9

New Patrons: 469

Miles Traveled: 5,598

Generator Hours: 673

Gallons of Diesel: 1,100

Individual Visits: 9,491

Items in BCB Collection: 22,089

35,264 items checked out by 6,570 people!

**NOTEWORTHY EVENTS** **May:** We participated in the Bismarck/Mandan Summer Reading Kickoff and had 270 people visit the bookmobile. **September:** We started a new Fall schedule and attended the North Dakota Library Association Conference in Bismarck. **October:** Jaylene Kovash from the Dickinson Area Public Library Bookmobile visited and rode along with us to learn how the Burleigh County Bookmobile operates. We had 1,201 visitors at the 2nd annual Zoo Boo, and ended the month by travelling to San Diego to attend the Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services Conference. **November:** Over the year, we've added 110 new eBooks for our senior citizen book clubs.



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Variety of titles

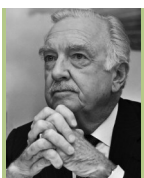
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*"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation"*

Walter Cronkite

## DatabaseConnect

by Kate Waldera,  
Head of Reference Services

The 64th Legislative Assembly begins its regular session on January 6, 2015. The journals, bills, resolutions, and bill status reports that document the activity of our legislature are easily tracked via the website of the legislative branch ([www.legis.nd.gov](http://www.legis.nd.gov)). Access to this online resource is free and information is updated daily.

The legislative branch website also contains the full text of our state's Constitution, Century Code, Session Laws, and Administrative Rules. If you'd like to contact your legislators, the website features a very easy way to locate them and provides contact and biographical information along with their photos.

Are you interested in watching the House or Senate in action? Video feeds accessible via the legislative branch website will broadcast all floor sessions. Do you need to research a topic across several legislative sessions? Historical coverage is available online back to the 49th session (1985-1986).

It's time for a *trick* question. On what dates did our **first** legislative assembly convene and adjourn? The answer can be found on the legislative website. Happy hunting!

## Employee Spotlight

Traci Juhala is Head of Youth Services at Bismarck Public Library. A native of Bismarck, Traci has a wide range of experience working in libraries and education. She has worked in public, academic, and special libraries. She has also taught grammar and English composition as an adjunct instructor at Bismarck State College, and taught the Norwegian language through the Community Education program.



Traci Juhala

For Traci, being a librarian is the perfect career fit. "I love helping people, and I love to learn. I get to do both of those on a regular basis, and that's very fulfilling. It seems like I'm interested in everything...choosing a career as a librarian seemed like the best way for me to feel connected to my entire world of interests."

When she's away from the library, you can find Traci sharing her musical talents. She plays the cello in local orchestras and serves as the music director of her church. She's also a Sci-Fi aficionado, world traveler, enthusiastic vegetarian cook, and the mother of two Standard Poodles.

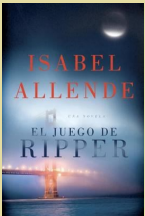
## Game On

by Troy Hamre, Interlibrary Loan/Reference

Did you know that the library lends video games for the Nintendo Wii, 3DS, Gamecube, Xbox 360, and Playstation 2 and 3? Our current collection includes games from a variety of genres, including platforming, puzzle, racing, and RPG. Game ratings range from E (Everyone) to T (Teen). Games can be borrowed for seven days, and one game can be checked out at a time. With the new generation of consoles out in the past year, we will be looking to add new titles to expand our video game collection. Recommendations are always welcome. The library is also looking into hosting gaming tournaments for some popular titles, so watch for further information.

## En Español

by Matt Hovland, Head of Circulation



The library's collection of Spanish language books is growing. Over thirty new fiction books have recently been added to the collection, and more titles will be arriving in the near future. New titles include *El Juego de Ripper/Ripper* by Isabel Allende, *Cien Años de Soledad/One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and *Ciudades de Papel/Paper Towns* by John Green.

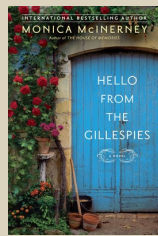
For more information or to recommend a Spanish language title to be added to our collection, contact the library or stop by the Information Desk.

## Find Yourself ... In New Fiction

by Lora Rose, Head of Technical Services

***Etta and Otto and Russell and James* by Emma Hooper.**

Etta has never seen the ocean, so she decides to walk across Canada to get there. She leaves her husband a note, takes her rifle, some chocolate, her best boots ... and a talking coyote named James.

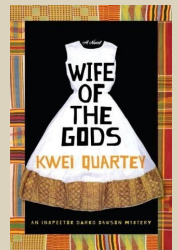


***Hello from the Gillespies*, by Monica McInerney.**

You know the Christmas letters you get from friends and family. Everything is perfect and wonderful. But what if one year you tell it how it really is? Angela Gillespie does just that.

***Wife of the Gods* by Kwei Quartey.**

This is the first book in a new detective mystery series with Darko Dawson, a Detective Inspector in Ghana. He sets out to solve a case in his hometown: a place where his mother disappeared many long years ago, and locals still follow age-old customs.



## Puppets Speak

by Colette, a Puppet Friend of the Children's Library

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the puppet room when the Library is closed and story times are not in session? Well, let me tell you, it's an exciting scene to behold. We puppets have had a busy time these past months with reconstruction going on in the puppet room. Our sleeping bins were disturbed in the process, so we packed



Colette packing up

up and spent some time in the Library's basement, checking out spots of interest that we had never seen before. Did you know that the Missouri River Room not only houses the rare book collection, but it is also a meeting site for some of the book clubs and the Library Foundation, Inc. and Friends of the Library board meetings? Also, there are several rooms in the basement that are

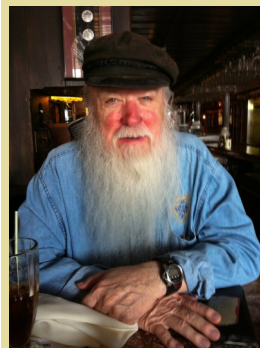
used by various small groups and individuals for study or meetings, and that's not including the regular meeting room area which is constantly hopping with group meetings and activities! We were fascinated by the whole lower level life that we had never been aware of in the past.

But now, we are back in our regular home in the puppet room. We have fresh wallpaper and carpet, and we are feeling pretty good about our accommodations. We'll be starting back with regular programming on January 19, 2015. In the meantime, lots of preparations will be going on for a busy winter and spring season of activities. Stop in to see us—we are waiting for you!!

## Vyzralek Book Donations

by Kate Waldera,

Head of Reference Services



We lost a renowned historian and friend with the passing of Frank Vyzralek on February 7, 2014. His vast knowledge of local and state history will be greatly missed. Over a career of more than 40 years, he gathered and maintained a huge collection of books and other historic materials.

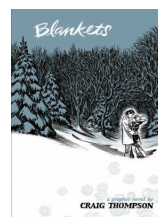
Delores Vyzralek wanted to give our library the opportunity to go through her late husband's personal library and take what we felt was needed for Bismarck Public Library's local and state history collection. Over 60 titles were chosen and will soon be added to our collection. Bismarck Public Library is extremely grateful to Delores Vyzralek for the gift of Frank's most treasured belongings: his books.

(A list of these titles is available by contacting Kate via email: [kwaldera@cdln.info](mailto:kwaldera@cdln.info).)

## Graphic Novels-Not Just for Kids

by Sarah Matthews, Adult Programming/Reference Librarian

The staff at the library has been working on adding materials to our Graphic Novels section. Stop in the lower level of the library or check out the New Book Shelf to see the new titles, marked with a Graphic Novel sticker. Currently all the graphic novels are shelved amidst the other fiction books; however, in 2015, we will be working on giving them a dedicated space in the adult area. The collection is rather small since it is just starting out, but watch for new titles in the future as we continue to grow our selection of graphic novels. Some of the more popular new titles include *The Walking Dead* series, Jim Butcher's *The Dresden Files*, and the *Planetary* series. Thank you to Jackson Bird of *Action Jackson Comics* and Kristen Northrup of the North Dakota State Library for advising library staff on this project.



## Library Snapshots



Staff and volunteers decked out the bookmobile in a Star Wars theme for this year's Zoo Boo Halloween event at Dakota Zoo. Candy and comic books were handed out to over 1,200 excited children!



Santa spent the week before Christmas visiting excited girls and boys during story time at the library. He took some time out of his busy schedule to take a photo with the library staff. We promise we've all been nice this year!



A gingerbread house decorating event was held for adults and teens in December. Check out our Facebook page to see all of the participants' amazing edible artwork!

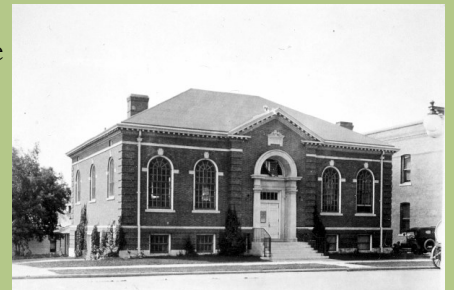


Author, adventurer, and Bismarck native Shannon Galpin spoke at the library about her book "Mountain to Mountain" and her experiences traveling and working to empower women in Afghanistan.

## Looking Back: History of the Bismarck Public Library

by Kate Waldera, Head of Reference Services

As the city of Bismarck continues a period of unprecedented growth and change, it's only natural to look back on the city's long and rich history. The construction of the new parking ramp on the northeast corner of Thayer Avenue and Sixth Street has generated a renewed interest in the original Carnegie Library building, which had been located on this site. The Carnegie building replaced a circulating library that had been maintained in the Commercial Club rooms. C. L. Young, president of the Commercial Club, and Commissioner R. C. Battey were instrumental in bringing the dream of a formal library to the city commission. An article in the *Bismarck Daily Tribune* from October 19, 1915 credited these gentlemen with getting \$3,500 appropriated for city library purposes. The article went on to state that "a generous appropriation can be secured from the Carnegie Library Foundation to build an adequate library for the capital city." From these humble beginnings, the Bismarck Public Library has grown into the busy hub of learning, technology, and community gathering that it is today. Are you curious about the rest of the story? Plan to attend my presentation entitled "History of the Bismarck Public Library" on April 8, 2015 at 6:30pm. It is sponsored by the Bismarck Historical Society and will be held in Meeting Room A at the library.





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# **2015 Spring Used Book Sale**

**March 5, 6 & 7**

Bismarck Public Library's  
Meeting Rooms

515 North 5th Street

Thursday 7:00 am - 8:45 pm  
Friday 9:00 am - 5:45 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



50,000+ books for sale at \$1.00 per pound. AV and miscellaneous items are priced separately.  
Proceeds fund special purchases/projects at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.